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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 129, JULY 7, 1977 (SALT TWO-1267)

1. ARTICLE VI: US TABLED WORKING PAPER ON ARTICLE VI WITH NEW LANGUAGE IN PARAS 3 AND 6 OMITTING SOVIET-PROPOSED PARAGRAPH ON DE-MIRVING.

BEGIN TEXT OF PARAS 3 AND 6:

PARA 3. ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE NOT SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE V, WHICH UNDERGO CONVERSION TO LAUNCHERS OF A TYPE SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION, SHALL BECOME SUBJECT TO THAT LIMITATION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS WHEN CONVERSION ACTIVITIES ON THEM REACH THE STAGE WHICH FIRST DEFINITELY INDICATED THAT THEY ARE BEING SO CONVERTED;

(B) MOBILE ICBM LAUNCHERS WHEN THEY ARE BROUGHT OUT OF THE SHOP, PLANT, OR OTHER FACILITY WHERE THEIR CONVERSION HAS BEEN PERFORMED;

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(C) SLBM LAUNCHERS ON A SUBMARINE WHEN THAT SUBMARINE FIRST GOES TO SEA AFTER THEIR CONVERSION HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

PARA 6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XVII, THE PARTIES WILL AGREE IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION UPON PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. END TEXT.

2. KARPOV INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ADJUST SOVIET LANGUAGE FOR VI.3(A) TO MEET US THOUGHT.

3. KARPOV NOTED THAT THE SOVIET-PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON DE-MIRVING (SOVIET-PROPOSED ARTICLE VI.6) WAS NOT REFLECTED IN THE US DRAFT. KLOSSON REITERATED US BELIEF THAT PARA 5 FULFILLED THE SAME FUNCTION AS THE SOVIET-PROPOSED PARA 6. KARPOV DID NOT REBUT KLOSSON'S ASSERTION. HE PROMISED TO TAKE US CLARIFICATIONS OF THE NEW DRAFT INTO ACCOUNT AND TO RETURN TO THE SUBJECT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

4. A LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE US-PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING PENAIDS (ARTICLE XVI.3). KLOSSON AND KARPOV DEBATED THE RELATIVE MERITS OF THE US-PROPOSED LANGUAGE ("DOES NOT PRECLUDE") AND THE SOVIET-PROPOSED LANGUAGE ("DOES NOT AFFECT"); KLOSSON STRESSED THAT THE WORD "PRECLUDE" DOES NOT PREVENT PENAIID TESTING, WHILE THE WORD "AFFECT" DOES NOT INDICATE AS PRECISE AN EXCEPTION TO THE OBLIGATION NOT TO RESORT TO DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL IMPLIED THAT NO EXCEPTION WAS NEEDED, WHEREAS THE US WAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE THE CONCEPT OF EXCEPTION CLEAR.

5. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, KARPOV HANDED OVER WORKING DOCUMENTS CONTAINING DRAFT AGREED STATEMENTS AND A COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLE II.5, WHICH KLOSSON PROMISED TO STUDY.

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